

**California Historical Records Advisory Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 26, 2008**

Location: San Diego State University, San Diego

Members Present: Wendy Franklin, Jim Hofer, Nancy Lenoil, Waverly Lowell, Laren Metzger, Charles Palm, Chuck Wilson, Jennifer Martinez Wormser.

Members Absent: Gary Brutsch, Gabriele Carey, Christine Figueroa, Jim Henley, Gary Kurutz.

The meeting was called to order by State Coordinator Nancy Lenoil at 10:10 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Charles made a motion, seconded by Waverly, to approve the minutes of February 20, 2008. The motion passed unanimously.

**Reports from State Agencies**

State Archives: Nancy referred the members to her report distributed prior to the meeting. She noted that a court records archivist position has been approved by the Legislature. NHPRC has been fully funded at its requested level of \$10 million.

Parks and Recreation: Wendy indicated that the Governor's earlier decision to close a number of state parks has been rescinded. The IMLS-funded "Connecting to Collections" project, a joint effort between State Parks, State Library and other organizations, is proceeding. Two planning meetings, one in Los Angeles and the other in the Bay Area, have been scheduled for October 2008. Results of the planning work will be used to request another grant for implementation. It was suggested that the work of the "Big Five" 2007 project might be useful. Nancy will get this project's final report and send it to Wendy.

**Reports from Other Organizations**

Colleges and Universities: Waverly noted that universities are waiting to see how deep the budget cuts will be.

Society of California Archivists: Jennifer reported that SCA has agreed to participate in the on-line *Journal of Western Archives*. The Society continues to partner with San Jose State University to produce an updated on-line repository directory. A workshop will be held at Chapman College on the Archivists' Toolkit and DACS. SCA has provided written support for AB 2595, the replevin legislation.

California Council for the Promotion of History: Chuck noted that the CCPH annual meeting would be held in San Luis Obispo this year the last week in October. The 2009 meeting in Monterey will be a joint effort with the California Historical Society.

Local Government: Jim indicated that the Riverside County Archives is now open three times each week. The Orange County archivist recently left and has been replaced by a woman from Kern County.

### **Replevin Legislation**

Nancy summarized the various concerns that the California Association of Museums has raised concerning AB 2595. The bill next will be heard before the Senate Appropriations Committee on Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. It is likely that Senator Dick Ackerman will object to the bill in its present form. He is concerned about buyers who may have purchased public records under the assumption that they were “fair game” at the time. Charles proposed amending the bill to include a grace period that would allow collectors and others to not be impacted by the bill until some future date, perhaps three years from the time the bill became law. Nancy also asked the members to send email messages of support to the Senate Appropriations Committee as soon as possible. To that end, she will send a list of committee members to the board.

### **Grants Update**

Laren provided an overview of the Regrant Project. All organizations have now completed their final reports. With one exception, all the recipients completed their project objectives. The remaining task will be to submit the board’s final report to NHPRC.

The board has received approval from NHPRC for the \$20,000 requested through the SNAP initiative. This project, which will begin of January 2009, will provide support for the board’s meetings and implementation of some elements of the board’s strategic plan. A portion of the funds will go toward hiring a consultant to carry out the project objectives. There ensued a discussion about the best way to secure the services of a consultant. Members will send their ideas on this topic to Laren, who will then put together a plan for soliciting information from candidates for the consultant position. Selection of the consultant will occur at the October meeting.

### **Friends of California Archives**

Nancy reported that she continues to work with John Burns, President of the Friends board, in applying for 501 (c) (3) status.

The members took a lunch break at noon.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:03 p.m.

## **Strategic Plan**

There was a general discussion about overarching themes within the current plan, including education, advocacy, and collaboration, and the need to encompass these in an introductory statement to the plan.

Issues 1-5 and 7-10 were then discussed in turn with the issue coordinator leading the discussion. There was a consensus that the best format to use for the plan would incorporate an introductory statement about the issue followed by objectives with action items for each respective objective.

Based on the meeting comments, each issue coordinator will rewrite his/her section and distribute the revised issue to the members by July 31<sup>st</sup>. A final discussion will occur at the October meeting with Nancy and Laren pulling together the final product after that meeting.

## **Other Business**

Jennifer provided information about the Dawson 80, a list of significant books published about Southern California.

## **Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the board will occur in Sacramento on November 6, 2008.

A motion was made by Waverly and seconded by Chuck to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.